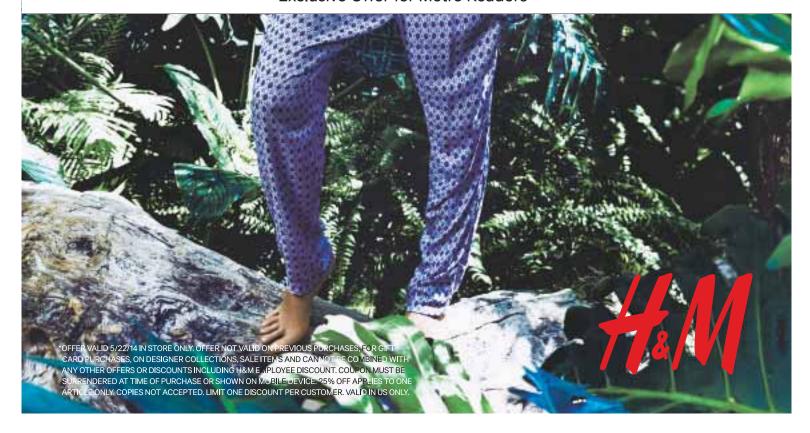
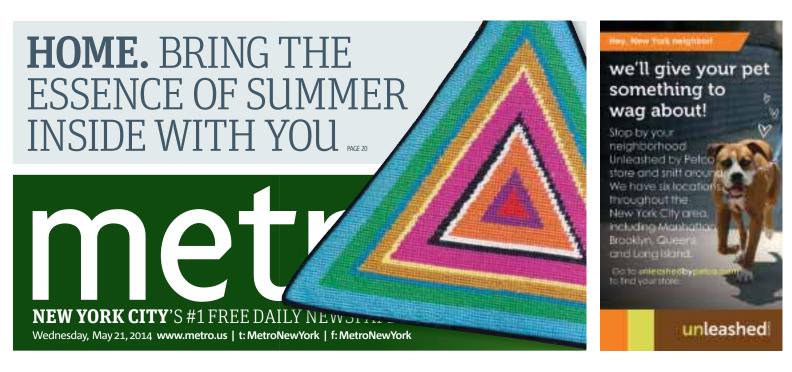




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Bay Ridge man charged in fatal stabbing of wife

Gruesome. A 52-year-old Brooklyn man reportedly stabbed his wife to death and slashed his son while trying to kill himself on Tuesday morning. Arrested and charged. The 14-year-old boy called 911 when he discovered his father stabbing his mother in the neck. PAGE 02



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Governors Island grabs spotlight with new park

Return. Governors Island opens this Saturday with a new 30-acre park.

On the morning of June 9, 2013, city officials blew up a vacant apartment building that once housed Coast Guard families on Governors Island. The debris from Building 877 was used to help create land for 30 acres of new park that will open to the public for the first time this Saturday.

"We actually took all the debris, mashed it up and created fill," said Leslie Koch, president of the Trust for Governors Island. There is now a sports field where there was once a high-rise building.'

The new park, which was designed by landscape architecture firm West 8, features Hammock Grove, a 10-acre space that's home to play areas, 1,500 new trees and 50 hammocks.

Visitors will also see Liggett Terrace, a six-acre plaza with plantings, seat-ing, water features and public art. The remaining 14 acres belongs to the Play Lawn, which features two ball fields.

We look forward to the best season yet on Governors Island," said Susan Carey Dempsey, executive director of the Governors Island Alliance.

Governors Island, a 172-acre island located a half-mile south of Manhattan, served as a military base for 200 years and was home to the U.S.



Summer is almost here

Governors Island is open every day from May 24 through Sept. 28.

- On weekdays and July 4, the Island is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- On weekends, Memorial Day and Labor Day, the

hours are from 10 a.m.

On Opening Day, the Governors Island Alliance will host a family festival from 1-4 p.m. with arts and crafts, performances and harbor education activities for kids.

Staycation

"You feel like you've gone on vacation without leaving New York." Leslie Koch

Army and Coast Guard.

The island first opened to the public in 2005. Since then, it has undergone major changes in its transformation into a mixed-use destination with large public spaces.

With the completion of the new park, approximately 125 acres of Governors Ísland are now

open to the public.

"For the price of a \$2 round-trip ferry ride, you really feel like you're on vacation. You have the best view of the Statue of Liberty," Koch said.

Last summer, the island was open for 40 days and saw 399,000 visitors. Eighty-five percent of visitors live in the five boroughs, Koch said.

This year will be the first time in history that the island is open to the public seven days a week. A diverse calendar of events will give New Yorkers plenty of reasons to visit.

Koch said that bringing arts to Governor's Island was always a priority.

"When I first started working here eight years

ago, it was a really quiet place," she said. We decided to make it New York's shared place for art and play."

Artists and organizations are invited to use the island's historic buildings and green space free of charge as long as they create a program that's free to the public.

Along with the new

park and new programs, visitor favorites such as the Jazz Age Lawn Party, a 1920s-themed dance party, and a miniature golf course are both set to return.

A full calendar of events is available at www.GovIsland.com.

LAURA SHIN

Bad driving

NYPD's driver crackdown surpasses 5,000 summonses

The New York City Police Department issued more than 5,000 summonses last week to drivers across the city.

The citations were the result of a two-day NYPD crackdown related to the mayor's Vision



Zero plan to reduce pedestrian deaths.

On May 13 and May 16, traffic officers around the city issued 5,258 summonses.

Of the summonses, 2,938 were for the use of a cellphone while driving. Another 1,006 were for texting while driving. Some 1,254 drivers were stopped for failing to yield to pedestrians. CHESTER IESUS SORIA

NYPD. Man allegedly stabs wife to death

A Brooklyn man fatally stabbed his wife and turned the knife on himself before slashing his teenage son at their Bay Ridge home on Tuesday, officials said.

Hasan Rugova, 52, was arrested and charged with stabbing 46-year-old Gyltene Rugova in the neck after an argument at around

2:20 a.m., police said.

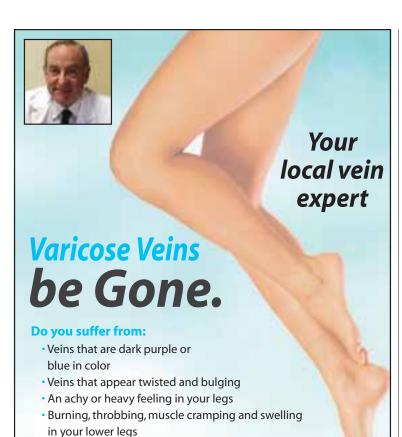
The couple's 14-yearold son called 911 after finding Rugova stabbing his mother, police sources said. The teen told cops his father began stabbing himself in the abdomen. He was slashed after trying to take the knife away from his father.

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Council pressures police department, mayor to add cops

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Safety. City Council wants 1,000 new police officers, but de Blasio says there is no money.

The New York City Council isn't giving up on its proposal to bring in 1,000 new cops into the police force, even if top brass doubts it can happen.

NYPD representatives, including Commissioner Bill Bratton, made a second appearance at City Hall in front of the council on Tuesday, and again cast doubt on the idea that the administration should prioritize new

hires over increased pay for existing officers.

Members of the counincluding Speaker issa Mark-Viverito, Melissa vocalized their frustration with the commissioner's lack of support for the budget increase to get more officers on the ground around the city.

On Tuesday, Bratton told council members that the city coffers won't budge for their plan and that the NYPD planned to make do with the 35,437 officers currently on the

job.
"Would I like 1,000 more cops? Certainly," he told the council. "But I'm also very mindful of the mayor's issues around the budget.



Earlier this month, Mayor Bill de Blasio rebuffed the council's request for \$94.3 million to pay for the new cops during his most recent budget release.

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Pols pitch new Harlem food festival

Mayor Bill de Blasio and former President Bill Clinton joined forces on Tuesday to help kick off "Harlem Eat Up!" at the Red Rooster restaurant. The event will take place in May 2015 and will feature the best fare in Harlem as well as concerts and other festivities. / GETTY IMAGES

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New Yorkers looking for a high-tech boost can charge their mobile devices for free at more than 45 new stations in local parks and tourist destinations.

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"Street Charge" stations, operated by AT&T, are being dispersed for use day or night at 20 locations across the five boroughs.

The stations are scheduled to be open through September at all hours — even if some of the locations have closing times. CHESTER JESUS SORIA

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Dope. A medical marijuana bill passed the state Senate Health Committee on Tuesday.

A medical marijuana bill cleared a major hurdle in the New York state legislature on Tuesday, passing the Senate Health Committee for the first time.

The bill, sponsored by Staten Island Sen. Diane Savino, would legalize medical pot in the treatment of certain "severe, debilitating or life-threatening conditions," such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

The Health Committee passed the measure with nine to eight votes.



The bill would legalize medical marijuana in New York. / GETTY IMAGE

"This vote is an enormous milestone in our quest to bring safe and reliable medical marijuana treatment to patients all across our state," the bill's sponsor, Staten Island Sen. Diane Savino, said in a statement.

"Today, the Senate has taken a decisive first step in moving this legislation forward."

The bill will now move to the Senate Finance Committee. If passed there, it remains unclear if the measure will be brought to the Senate floor for a full vote.

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Upheld

Man who was convicted for NY suicide bomb plot loses appeal

A Bosnian-born U.S. citizen on Tuesday failed to overturn his conviction for planning suicide bombings in the subway at the behest of al Qaeda operatives.

The 2nd U.S.
Circuit Court of
Appeals in New York
upheld the conviction
of Adis Medunjanin,
who was sentenced to
life in prison in 2012
after a jury found him
guilty on charges that
included conspiracy
to use weapons of
mass destruction and
conspiracy to commit
an act of terrorism.

Robert Gottlieb, a lawyer for Medunjanin, said in an email that he would seek a review by the U.S. Supreme Court. REUTERS



Fashion first at 1WTC

Jessica Minh Anh posed on the 63rd floor of the Freedom Tower on Monday to promote the J Summer Fashion Show on June 25. The shoot is a first for the iconic site, which overlooks the newly opened 9/11 Memorial & Museum. Standing at 1,776 feet, One World Trade Center is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere.

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Cyber-spying. China confronts US envoy over accusations

A tense stand-off between the United States and China over state-backed cyber espionage has dragged China's secretive hacking unit "61398" back into focus, after the military group was pinpointed last year for mounting cyber attacks on Western commercial targets.

U.S. authorities on Monday charged five Chinese military officers at the unit, accusing them of hacking into American nuclear, metal and solar firms to steal trade secrets. China on Tuesday summoned the U.S. ambassador in Beijing and warned it would retaliate if Washington followed through with

the charges. It said the affair would damage "mutual trust."

At the center of the row is a nondescript tower block in the northern suburbs of China's financial capital Shanghai, home to Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Unit 61398.

The 12-story block houses as many as several thousand staff, according to Mandiant, a U.S. cyber security firm recently acquired by global network security company FireEye Inc. Mandiant identified the location as the source of a large number of espionage operations in a 70-page report last year.



Newsroom leader

NY Times publisher tried for 'amicable' split with editor

New York Times Co. Chairman and Publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. said he tried to part ways peacefully with the top leader of the newsroom, Jill Abramson, whom he ousted last week.

"We originally drafted the whole thing to be very amicable," Sulzberger said in an interview with Vanity Fair, his first since he changed the leadership of his paper. "Jill said no. ... It was my hope for Jill that we could make this go away as peacefully as possible."

The frenzy surrounding the story has been anything but quiet since Sulzberger replaced Abramson with her deputy, Dean Baquet, stunning the Times newsroom and close followers of the paper

when it was announced last Wednesday.

The volley of accusations over Abramson's firing has come hard and fast. The New Yorker reported that Abramson was paid considerably less than her male predecessor Bill Keller, a charge Sulzberger denies

On Saturday, Sulzberger issued a staff memo saying he terminated Abramson for her "arbitrary decision-making, a failure to consult and bring colleagues with her, inadequate communication and the public mistreatment of colleagues."

Hand-picked executive

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Abramson is the third hand-picked executive that Sulzberger has ousted, including executive editor Howell Raines and the company's chief executive Janet Robinson.

More problems

GM recalls another 2.42 million vehicles

General Motors Co. said on Tuesday it is recalling another 2.6 million vehicles globally, raising the number of vehicles it has recalled so far this year to almost 15.4 million.

The four recalls are the latest announced by the

largest U.S. automaker, the highest profile of which is the recall of cars with defective ignition switches linked to at least 13 deaths. GM has been criticized by safety advocates and fined by U.S. safety regulators for not catching the faulty switch earlier.

GM also said on Tuesday that it is doubling the charge it expects to



take in the second quarter to about \$400 million, mostly for recall-related

ANOTHER RECALL. / GETTY IMAGES

repairs. In the first quarter, GM took a charge of \$1.3 billion, mostly related to the ignition switch recall.

The Detroit company said Tuesday's actions raises the number of U.S. recalls this year to 29. That includes the earlier high-profile recall of 2.6 million vehicles to replace defective ignition switches. REUTERS



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House to debate firing rules bill for veterans' agency www.metro.us



Veterans Affairs.

The agency oversees some 1,700 hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and other facilities.

The House of Representatives will vote this week on a bill that will make it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fire or demote senior executives, officials said Tuesday,

following allegations veterans' health care delays have led to preventable deaths.

The bill addressing the "mess at the Veterans Administration" will "try and provide the tools to the administration to hold senior managers accountable, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, a Republican, told reporters.

"The American people are frustrated, especially when those who have served our country in uniform have been treated

Official to visit much-criticized **Phoenix** veterans facility

A top aide to President Barack Obama will travel to Phoenix on Wednesday to visit the medical facility at the heart of allegations involving delays in healthcare for military veterans.

White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters on Tuesday that Rob Nabors, a White House deputy chief of staff assigned to assist a review into the allegations, would meet with the Phoenix facility's acting chief, Steve Young.

Carney also said Nabors was meeting on Tuesday with representatives from a number of veterans organizations, such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and would have similar sessions while in Phoenix.

Obama is scrambling to get on top of the controversy involving the Veterans Administration that has now engulfed its secretary, Eric Shinseki.

"The American people are frustrated, especially when those who have served our country in uniform have been treated the way they have and God forbid, who have perished because of the mess at the VA." cantor

the way they have and God forbid, who have perished because of the mess at the VA," Cantor said at a news conference.

Eric Shinseki, secretary of the department, has faced calls for his resignation over the allegations, but so far President Barack Obama has resisted the demands and assigned a top White House aide to help the department deal with the problem. **reuters**

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Court records

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McScary. McDonald's 'Happy' new mascot taking social media heat

McDonald's restaurant says its new "Happy" mascot will bring "fun and excitement" to its children's meals, but social media contend the toothy, red box-shaped character will have the opposite effect.

Twitter responses to McDonald's mascot announcement on Monday complain that the animated red Happy Meal box is scary and will give children nightmares.



"It's the meal that eats you," said one comment. Another said, "I didn't

want to sleep tonight anyways, it's cool.

McDonald's said in a statement that the mascot will encourage kids to enjoy healthy food choices.

In response to social media criticism, a Mc-Donald's spokeswoman noted that since 2009, the character has been "loved and well-received by children and families in Latin America and Europe."

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"The Shield" star

Actor Michael Jace arrested in his wife's murder

Actor Michael Jace, known for playing a cop in the cable television drama "The Shield," was arrested on suspicion of murder on Tuesday after his wife was found shot to death in their Los Angeles home, police said.

The 51-year-old actor, who has appeared in supporting and guest roles on television over the past two decades, was being held on \$1 million bail.

His wife, 40-year-old April Jace, was found dead at the couple's home in the Hyde Park section of South Los Angeles when police responded to a report of domestic violence shortly after 8:30 p.m. local time on Monday, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The shooting took place in the presence of the couple's two young children, who are now in protective custody, Los Angeles Police Lt. John Jenal told City News Service.

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Research. Study to investigate how cell phones affect teenage brains

British researchers are launching the largest study in the world to investigate whether using cell phones and other wireless gadgets might affect children's brain development.

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The Study of Cognition, Adolescents and Mobile Phones, or SCAMP, project will focus on cognitive functions such as memory and attention, which continue to develop into adolescence.

Although to date, there is no convincing evidence that radio waves from phones affect health, most research has focused on adults and the potential risk of brain cancers.

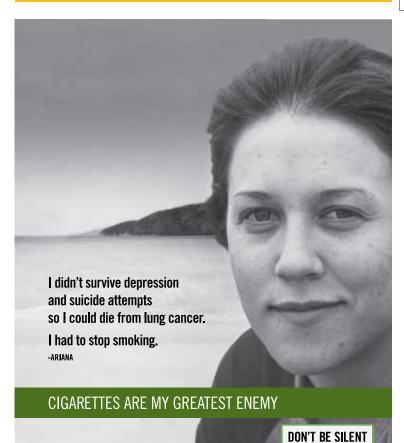
Because of that, scientists are uncertain as to whether children's developing brains may be more vulnerable than adults' brains — partly because their nervous systems are still developing, and partly because they are likely to have a higher exposure over their lifetimes.



Is your teen's cell phone use frying his brain? / GETTY IMAG

"Scientific evidence available to date is reassuring and shows no association between exposure to radiofrequency waves from mobile phone use

and brain cancer in adults in the short term — i.e., less than 10 years of use," said Paul Elliott, director of the Centre for Environment and Health. REUTERS



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Martial law

Thai army chief urges rivals to talk

Thailand's army declared martial law nationwide on Tuesday to restore order after six months of street protests that have left the country without a proper functioning government, but insisted the surprise intervention was not a military coup.

While troops patrolled parts of Bangkok and army spokesmen took to the airwaves, the caretaker government led by supporters of self-exiled former premier Thaksin Shinawatra said it was still running the country.

Army chief General Prayuth Chan-ocha said the military had stepped in to restore order and build investor confidence, and he warned that troops would take action against anyone who used weapons and harmed civilians. REUTERS

Murder trial. Court sends Pistorius for 30 days of mental tests

South African Olympic and Paralympic track star Oscar Pistorius was ordered on Tuesday to undergo a month of psychiatric tests to find out whether he was criminally responsible when he shot dead his girlfriend on Valentine's Day last year.

Judge Thokozile Masipa told Pistorius he must report to Pretoria's Weskoppies hospital, one of South Africa's top mental institutions, as an outpatient for up to 30 days, starting on May 26.

The evaluation would determine "whether the accused by reason of mental illness or mental defect was at the time of the commission of the offense criminally responsible for the offense he is charged and whether he was capable of appreciating the wrongfulness of his act.'

Pistorius, dressed in a black suit and tie, stood



somberly in the dock as Masipa read out the order before postponing the case to June 30.

Pistorius denies killing Steenkamp in cold blood after an argument, as suggested by prosecutors, and insists he shot four times at the bathroom door she was behind in self defense against what he thought was an intruder. REUTERS





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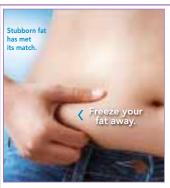
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Ryan Gosling keeps getting better

Can Ryan Gosling ever disappoint? Not with his looks! This guy is just like one of those fancy wines that keep getting better with age. We can't wait to see him at 50! And don't even get us started on 70. He attended the photo call in Cannes for his directorial debut, "Lost River," but while this "I'm running my hands casually through my hair" pose didn't let us down, we hear that the critics didn't like the movie. Wah, wah, wah! We'll watch it anyway.

Channing Tatum is a 'high-functioning alcoholic'

We can never get enough of Channing Tatum, so it's nice to see the gorgeous actor on the cover of GQ's June issue (and in five movies this year too — hard working, much?). In the mag, he says he sees himself as a "high-functioning alcoholic." Here's what the

34-year-old actor shared: "I probably drink too much, you know. My wife, that's what she bought into. ... I'm probably a pretty high-functioning, I guess, you know, I would say, alcoholic, I guess." We get it, we like to drink, too, Channing, but please promise us you won't go all Lindsay Lohan on us.

You are too precious!

THE WORD

Lasse Emil Kristiansen takes on the world of gossip.

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What's the deal with Paris Hilton and Justin Bieber?

Paris Hilton, 33, and Justin Bieber, 20, were seen partying together in Cannes over the weekend at Busta Rhymes' birthday bash. That's not that weird, as both of them like to party hard. The weird thing is that the two were seen leaving the club together. This is unfortunately the end of the story, but a few guesses don't hurt. Maybe Paris wanted some vocal advice from Justin? (She



sure does need it, right?) Maybe they just stopped by McDonald's to get burgers? What do you think?

Speaking of Lohan ...

We've seen her sex list, we've heard endless tales about her sobriety and we've seen her boobs a couple of times already. The "I am definitely sober even though I act drunk all the time" star shared yet another boob selfie on Instagram with the caption: "#isCANNESQuicheENUF

?! #ily @mannyuk." We have no idea what the clearly sober Lohan is talking about. And it's an even bigger mystery to us why she's in Cannes. It's not like she has anything to promote, right? Maybe she's just promoting her special friendship with this Manny dude she's pictured with.



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Let the sunshine in

Theater. "Too Much Sun," now playing at the Vineyard, is a dramatic comedy in top form.

How does she do it? Always remaining gloriously in character, Linda Lavin makes sure every one of her laugh lines — and she has plenty — makes a perfect landing in Nicky Silver's "Too Much Sun" at the Vineyard Theatre. Hardly shy and playing a diva to boot, Lavin's per-

If you go

'Too Much Sun'

Through June 22 Vineyard Theatre 108 E. 15 St. \$80, 212-353-0303 www.vineyard theatre.org formance is big, but her delivery is cushioned with the softest of soft touches, like a cloud come to Earth.

Her material is not just plentiful; it's good. Silver's wit is piquant and consistent, and most of it comes through the lips of Lavin's Audrey Langham. An aging grande dame of the theater, she's seeking refuge from her career in the summer rental of her daughter, Kitty (Jennifer Westfeldt), and husband, Dennis (Ken Barnett). As Kitty says, she's like a hurricane. Her mere presence creates a torrent of emotion while she's calm in the eye of the storm. Dennis has an affair with young Lucas (Matt Dickson). Lucas's father, Winston (Richard Bekiins), wants to marry Audrey, and Kitty can't help dwelling on a lifetime of hurtful neglect from a selfabsorbed parent.

Silver's tone is light even as he touches on



some heavy themes. The opening vignette — Lavin as a flabbergasted Medea in a preposterous gold headdress and red cape — sets a tone of hilarity that just about never lets up. Mark Brokaw's direction is wisely unobtrusive.

The play straddles genres, mixing naturalism with outlandish whimsy. Its plot developments are occasionally predictable, but often off the map. Most importantly, its characters are appealing and their dilem-

mas compelling. (If not, they're at least funny — and it's always a pleasure to see a master like Lavin at work.)

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Professor X meets Professor X

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"It was James' first day

pow-wow.

Nerdgasm. Patrick Stewart and James McAvoy talk about playing each other in the new "X-Men."

"X-Men: Days of Future Past" allows for a rare occurrence, not only in the comics franchise but in movies in general. It's a time-travel picture, with the older mutants sending Hugh Jackman's Wolverine back to 1973 to thwart a dystopian future with mutant-killing bots. That means we get to see both the old and young versions of the same character, namely Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart and James McAvoy, respectively), as well as two Magnetos (Ian McKellen and Michael Fassbender).

Most don't share any scenes, although Stewart and McAvoy do once, when

McKellen MIA

Solo Magneto

Tragically, Ian McKellen could not attend the press junket in New York, which would have reunited him with his dear friend and funny picture buddy, Stewart. That also meant that the two Magnetos couldn't butt heads. In fact, McKellen and Fassbender didn't even see each other on set.

'We sort of kept missing each other," Fassbender recalls. That doesn't mean he wasn't



MICHAEL FASSBENDER RETURNS AS THE YOUNGER IAN MCKELLEN.

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studying his work, however. "For this one I spent a lot of time with this video on YouTube,

which was Ian McKellen in the 1970s doing this workshop on 'Macbeth.' I was playing that over and over again, getting more of the rhythms and tones of his voice." This, of course, means no onscreen meet-up. "Unfortunately, we didn't get a scene together. We flipped a coin, and James and Patrick won the toss," he jokes.



MATT PRIGGE

wasn't the only

one studying another ac-

tor's performance. Stewart

studied McAvoy as well.

"It made me want to go

back and shoot it again,

performance.

said that - I should have

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McAvoy obviously had

weeks," he says.

"I've been a fan [of Stewart's for years," McA-

voy says. "I watched the ['X-Men'] films, and 'Star Trek,' all the way back to 'Dune.' I don't know if anyone remembers 'Dune." (Stewart played a mulleted Gurney Halleck in the 1984 David Lynch film.) "I watched the empa-

thy that pours out of him in his previous movies," he continues. "It's the prime characteristic of Professor X: this willingness to care and reach out and

help."

"From the beginning of

Our enemy this time is not available for rational conversation or to be reasoned with. The Professor has to make the decision to destroy something to survive. It toughens Xavier up," he says.

much to draw on for his of work and it was my last day of work," recalls Stewart of shooting the scene. bags were packed, and I was ready to get out of Dodge." He says they didn't belabor the scene. "I don't recall rehearsing it. We knew the lines and they rolled the cameras; it was four minutes' work. I shouldn't have BEHOLD! HERE ARE TWO CHARLES XAVIERS IN ONE PLACE.

now that I knew where I came from. I could get so much more James McAvoy into that performance," he says, somewhat jokingly. At the same time, Charles Xavier is in a very different spot than he has been in any other movie. "We've seen that the good professor always has options, and those options have been through negotiation, persuasion, some resolution that will not be violent," Stewart says.

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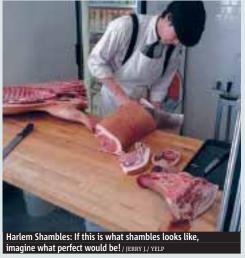
Those on a plant-based diet might want to avert their eyes. But if you care where your meat comes from, it's time to start rubbing elbows with your friendly neighborhood butcher. No bones about it: This Weekly Yelp is meaty!

Harlem Shambles

2141 Frederick Douglass Blvd. I had never been to a butcher before, so the first time I ordered a steak I was surprised when the butcher took out a huge hunk of cow from the refrigerator and cut my steak from that. It was delicious, high-quality and clearly fresh. KYLIE P.

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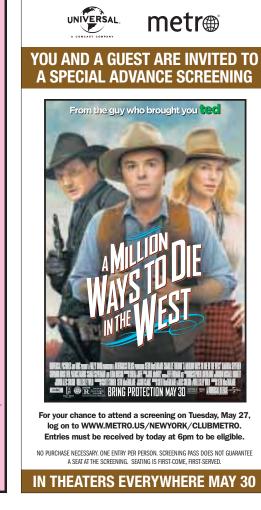
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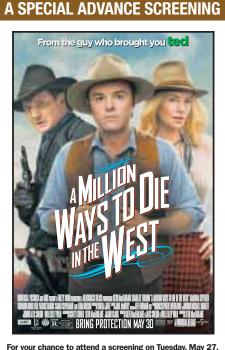
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Going after the zombie houses

Crisis. Vacant homes are rotting, and the state wants banks to deal with it.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched a statewide effort to combat so-called zombie properties by encouraging the state legislature to pass the Abandoned Property Relief Act he proposed earlier this year.

Schneiderman announced that the city councils of Albany, Poughkeepsie, Elmira, Beacon, Jamestown and Hornell are scheduled to approve resolutions on Monday urging passage of the bill. The city councils of Newburgh, Binghamton and Schenectady have passed similar resolutions already.

The Attorney General's Abandoned Property

Quoted

"Abandoned homes become magnets for crime, drag down property values and drain municipal coffers."

Schneiderman

Neighborhood Relief Act would provide support to neighborhoods plagued by vacant houses. Among other things, the legislation would make banks responsible for the abandoned properties.

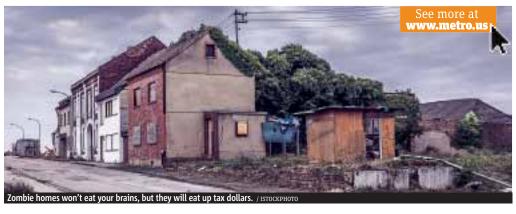
A Reuters story in January 2013 revealed how thousands of U.S. homeowners were finding themselves legally responsible for houses they did not realize they still owned six years after the housing crash, after some banks walked away from foreclosures and left abandoned properties in their wake. Municipalities were left to deal with the mess.

Some U.S. municipalities spent public funds on securing, cleaning and stabilizing the houses that generate no tax revenue. Others let the houses rot.

New York is among the states seeking to make banks take responsibility.

"Zombie properties threaten neighborhoods across New York state, from big cities to small towns," Schneiderman said in a news release. "Abandoned homes become magnets for crime, drag down property values and drain municipal coffers. Our bill will keep communities safer and lessen the burden of municipalities still struggling to recover from the housing crisis." REUTERS







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Check out these buzzworthy options for million-dollar listings near you.

The condo market in New York has never been hotter, with luxe towers

on the rise all around the city. There are more than 70 new condo buildings with apartments for sale in Manhattan. Some are technological marvels (a robotic parking garage), while others boast worldclass amenities (a key to the gilded gates of Gramercy Park) or have boldfaced buyers (like

Chelsea Clinton). Here's a look at some noteworthy projects transforming the real estate scene.

STUART ELLIOTT

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12 E. 13th St.

In Greenwich Village, developers are converting a former Hertz garage into an eight-unit condo building. In addition to a doorman and fitness center, 12 E. 13th St.

use a robotic parking system, created by Park Plus. Residents will pull up to a private parking entrance and leave the rest to technology. Five

apartments remain on the market. Prices range from \$7.5 million for a three-bedroom unit to \$30.5 million for the five-bedroom penthouse. www.12e13.com

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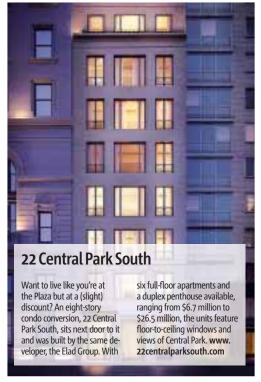
21 E. 26th St.

You're practically guaranteed facetime with celebrities if you move into the Whitman, a boutique condo conversion overlooking Madison Square Park. The prewar building at 21 E. 26th St. has four apartments and counts Chelsea Clinton and NASCAR star Jeff Gordon as residents. Only the four-bedroom, six-bathroom penthouse remained on the market at press time, asking \$25 million. www.thewhitman.com

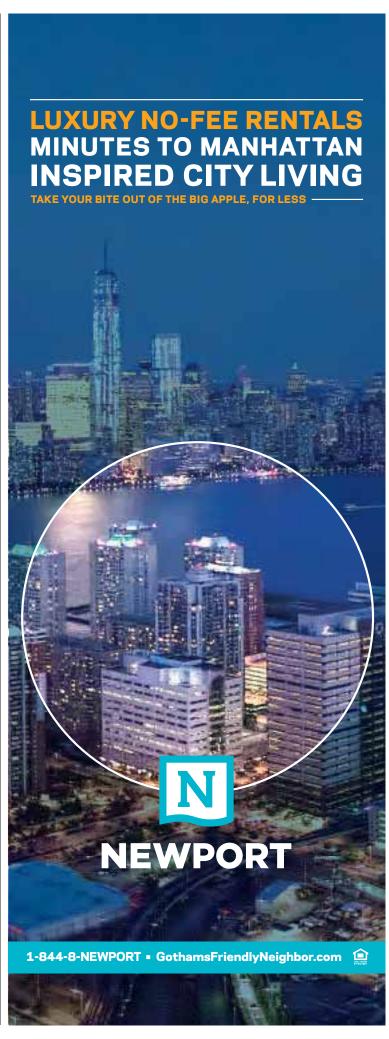
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Give your lawn a makeover

DIY. No need to call in the pros. Here's how to spruce up your yard yourself.

Is your lawn looking less than picture-perfect after a long, harsh winter? Don't let that sad soil or monstrous weed patch overwhelm you. Whipping your yard into shape isn't as tough as you think. We spoke with Marty Levin, owner of Passionate About Landscaping (PassionateAbout Landscaping.com) for tips

on how to improve your outdoor space yourself.

Create a blank canvas

It's not the most exciting part of the job, but a thorough cleanup to create a blank canvas of yard is a must. "Before any planting, the beds should be cleaned up of all issues," Levin says. "You'll probably have to trim some trees because we had a bad winter.

There are a lot of loose limbs, so take down everything that is a possible widow-maker."

Invite the birds

One way to create an eye-catching lawn is to incorporate several textures. "To enhance a garden inexpensively, add some hardscape, such as a boulder or

stones that create a path also work. These give a bit of architecture to the garden and really set it off nicely," says Levin.

Don't tackle the patio

Outdoor improvements that you can do yourself

can save you money and bring a sense of pride when you stand back and admire your hard work. But sometimes a job requires the equipment and know-how of the pros.

"I think a lot of people try to take on patios by themselves, for example," Levin says. "Most people just don't have the right equipment for something like that, so we end up doing a lot of patio redos for folks."

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Plant once, plant right

In the case of planting, one-and-done is preferable. "I'm not a believer in annual flowers," Levin explains. "They last for one season and they die. I prefer perennials, which come back each year." He points out that many perennials, such as moonbeam coreopsis and purple salvia, produce beautiful, vibrant blooms. Just make sure to talk to your garden center specialist so you plant accordingly for your shady and sunny spots.

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A spray-on won't cut it

"Spray-on sunscreens make it real easy to miss big areas of your body, or small areas [that] you don't know you've missed," says Dr. Shultz.

get weird-looking moles checked out. But what you don't know about sun protection could mean the difference between a summer on the beach and one on the operating table. We asked derms to fill us in on the beyond-basic skin rules you need to know to protect yourself this summer.

residents report never wearing sunglasses outside, found The Vision Council. Make sure yours boast actual UVA/UVB protection and aren't just dipped in tint.

1 You need sunscreen every. single. day. Yes, even when it's cloudy, raining, sleeting - you get the idea. The sun beams out UVA and UVB rays; the latter are the sun's most damaging during the summer months, says Dr. Neal Shultz, a New York City dermatologist. Use sunscreen as the first layer of products you apply to your face each morning.

2You're sweating off sun-screen more than you think. You definitely want to reapply after you go for a dip and after you get sweaty. But even if you're just lounging around, you still need to reapply it every two to three hours because perspiration will invisibly wash away the sunscreen, says Shultz.

3 You don't really need SPF 100. You might think you're doing your skin some extra



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good, but really, even a 15 provides almost 90 percent protection. "Whether the SPF is 15, 30 or 100, it needs to be reapplied with the same frequency," Shultz says.

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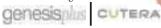
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blood cells are to the surface - and therefore, they absorb more damaging UV rays," Shultz says.

5 You can get skin cancer in spots that aren't exposed to the sun. Even if you're not sunbathing in the nude, you can still get skin cancer in your groin and anus. Other weird places you can get it? Behind your eye and in your mucus membranes, such as inside your nose and mouth. Get these

checked out at your annual exams, recommends Dr. Sapna Patel, assistant professor of melanoma medical oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

6 If it bleeds, it leads. A mole that gets bloody with minimal trauma is something to watch out for, says Dr. Patel. "Most benign things shouldn't have a blood vessel in them it's malignant things that are digging in and growing roots."

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Significance: "We found that a single alcohol binge can elicit an immune response, potentially impacting the health of an otherwise healthy individual," study leader Dr. Gyongyi Szabo said in a statement. According to researchers, their findings



suggest binge drinking is more dangerous than people may think. Car crashes, injuries, and liver and other organ damage are the most widely recognized side effects of alcohol.

Early menopause may be tied to heart failure

Location of study: Sweden Study subjects: Over 22,000 postmenopausal women Results: Heart failure may be more likely for women who experience menopause between the ages of 40 and 45. A recent

study found postmenopausal women in this age group to have higher rates of heart failure when compared to women who went through menopause between the ages of 50 and 54. This risk was even more pronounced in smokers, who typically experience menopause about one year earlier than women who don't smoke. The study found that for every one-year increase in age at menopause, the rate of heart failure was 2 percent lower. Significance: The link between early menopause and cardiovascular disease isn't new - prior research has associated early menopause with coronary heart

disease and stroke. However, the Swedish study is rare in that it takes a closer look at heart failure. "Most of the studies on menopause and heart disease focus on cardiovascular disease, heart attacks and atherosclerosis," said Dr. Margery Gass, executive director of the North American Menopause Society. "This study ... raises questions about cause and effect."

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A fatal physics problem

Re: 'Salmoning is safer for cyclists' (Metro, May **16-18)** Who are all the bikers who choose to ride against traffic? As a driver and as a bicyclist, I am so disturbed by the fact that people choose to "always ride bikes against traffic.' It's so dangerous for both parties: With a bike going 10 miles per hour and a vehicle going 30-40 miles per hour heading toward one another, that doesn't leave time to prevent a collision. MIKE DISCOLO, VIA EMAIL

Have these people saying they prefer to ride a bike against the traffic ever heard of a great invention called a rearview

mirror? They make them

for bicycles, too. SUZANNE PALAU, VIA EMAIL

IRS said it was wrong

Re: 'IRS follows the law' (Metro, May 20) The IRS admitted it improperly targeted conservative groups for additional scrutiny and apologized for it. During the time period in question, 104 conservative groups underwent additional scrutiny versus seven progressive groups. The intrusiveness was far greater for the conservative groups than for the progressive groups. RON SHELTON, VIA EMAIL

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Beckham ready to contribute

NFL. The Giants' top pick was already talking about starting on the first day of camp.

The Giants have a new offensive weapon to play with, and he's just as eager to contribute as they are.

First-round pick Odell Beckham Jr. is among the many new faces hoping to catch the attention of the coaching staff as mini-

camp began Tuesday. Star wideout Victor Cruz is entrenched in the starting lineup on one side, which means Beckham will compete with fellow LSU alum Rue-

Beckham isn't the only rookie who could contribute immediately.

- Running back Andre Williams, a fourth-round pick, was also talking about spelling Rashad Jennings and David Wilson.
- "I think the opportunity is there [to play right away]. But all I want to do is just come in, compete and get better," he said. "Being around the guys in my circle, the running back group and the whole offense as a whole, everybody's really together.'



ben Randle and veteran Jerrel Jernigan on the depth chart.

While confident of his skills and how quickly he's grasping new offensive coordinator Ben McAdoo's offense, Beckham said it's his goal and expectation to get on the field right away.

"I don't really ever put pressure on myself, [but] it is just something that I expect of myself," said Beckham. "And being the competitor I am, you don't want to be on the bench or not playing or not contributing to the team."

Despite the three-year gap since last playing together, Beckham said working with Randle this offseason has felt like they've been doing it for

"It's like you never left," Beckham said. "Playing with him and kind of being able to read each other's minds, to an extent, will make it easier after we play for a year or two or [however] many."

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The Bucks and Sixers followed with the second and third picks, one spot lower than each's odds.

The Magic will pick No. 12, the spot which the Knicks would've had if they hadn't traded the pick away.

Cleveland also picked No. 1 last year, when they took Anthony Bennett, and in 2011, when they selected Kyrie Irving. metro

MLB. Red Sox sign shortstop Drew to prorated \$14M deal

Mets fans' dreams of getting Stephen Drew are officially over.

The shortstop agreed to a one-year, \$14 million deal with the Red Sox on Tuesday. The prorated deal will pay him about \$10 million due to missing the first two months of the season. He also played for Boston last season.

Drew was a favorite target for Mets fans, but the team never showed any real inclination to sign the 31-year-old. The Mets have a top-10 pick in the MLB draft, so they would not have had to give that up. However, signing him would have cost the Mets their second-round pick.

Starting Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada is batting .185 with more strikeouts (25) than hits (20) this season. Backup Omar Quintanilla is batting .207 in 31 at-bats. The Mets have also played Wilmer Flores at shortstop recently.

MARK OSBORNE

Sox struggles

The Red Sox haven't struggled at shortstop as much as the Mets, but they do have a hole at third.

Will Middlebrooks is batting .197 and was just placed on the DL (broken finger). The team has little middle infield depth with only Ryan Roberts.





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